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SPECIAL UNIFORM AND SHOES FOR JAWANS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence scientists have prepared any special uniform or shoes to protect jawans deployed on borders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would protect jawans from the impacts of exploding land mines; and

(d) the time by which Government plan to provide it to all the jawans deployed on the border?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Boot Anti-mine and the Body Protection Suit have been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).The Body Protection Suit provides protection against splinters and fragments of blasts of Anti-Personnel (AP) mines.Two versions of Anti-mine boots are required for protection during breaching of mine field and assault operations respectively. The first version has undergone successful trials.

(d) The Body Protection Suit has been introduced into Service.The supply of these suits against orders of about 1550 suits from the Western and Northern Commands have been completed. 1070 boots for mine breaching operations have already been supplied to the Army.